

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6059–S6143

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1644–1654. **Pages S6089–90**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 83, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a further correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2608. **Pages S6065–66**

Schertz Veterans Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 771, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1081 Elbel Road in Schertz, Texas, as the “Schertz Veterans Post Office,” and the bill was then passed. **Page S6143**

Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1632, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5014 Gary Avenue in Lubbock, Texas, as the “Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office,” and the bill was then passed. **Page S6143**

National Save for Retirement Week: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 266, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Save for Retirement Week,” including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6143**

Measures Considered:

Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1619, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6066–67, S6067–69, S6069–85**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 694, to change the enactment date. **Page S6069**

Reid Amendment No. 695 (to Amendment No. 694), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6069**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 696, to change the enactment date. **Page S6069**

Reid Amendment No. 697 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 696) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6069**

Reid Amendment No. 698 (to Amendment No. 697), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6069**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 6, 2011. **Page S6085**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. **Page S6143**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey (Recess Appointment). **Page S6143**

Messages from the House: **Page S6088**

Measures Referred: **Page S6088**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S6086–88**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6095–S6142**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6143.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND MIDDLE CLASS WEALTH BUILDING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine consumer protection and middle class wealth building in an age of growing household debt, after receiving testimony from Ray Boshara, Senior Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; Atif Mian, University of California, Berkeley; Katherine Porter, University of California Irvine School of Law; Robert M. Lawless, University of Illinois College of Law, Urbana; G. Michael Flores, Bretton Woods, Inc., Saint Simons Island, Georgia; Doug Fecher, Wright-Patt Credit Union, Fairborn, Ohio; and Ida Rademacher, Corporation for Enterprise Development, and Susan K. Weinstock, Pew Charitable Trusts, both of Washington, D.C.

IMPROVING THE BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the budget process, focusing on strategies for more effective congressional budgeting, after receiving testimony from Maya MacGuineas, The New America Foundation Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, David B. Kendall, Third Way, G. William Hoagland, former Staff Director, Senate Budget Committee, Martin Paone, former Senate Democratic Secretary, and Eric Ueland, former Chief of Staff for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, all of Washington, D.C.; and Donald F. Kettl, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park.

SHALE GAS PRODUCTION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Shale Gas Production Subcommittee's 90-day report, after receiving testimony from Stephen A. Holditch, Texas A&M University, College Station, on behalf of the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board Shale Gas Subcommittee; Daniel Yergin, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Washington, D.C.; Mark D. Zoback, Stanford University Department of Geophysics, Palo Alto, California; and Kathleen A. McGinty, Weston Solutions, Inc., West Chester, Pennsylvania.

NUTRIENT POLLUTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine nutrient pollution, focusing on an overview of nutrient reduction approaches, after re-

ceiving testimony from Nancy K. Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; William H. Werkheiser, Associate Director for Water, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Shellie Chard-McClary, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Division Director, Oklahoma City; Richard J. Budell, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Agricultural Water Policy Director, Tallahassee; George S. Hawkins, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority General Manager; Nick Maravell, Nick's Organic Farm, Potomac, Maryland; and Andy Buchsbaum, National Wildlife Federation, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEDICARE PART D

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine costs of prescription drug abuse in the Medicare Part D program, including instances of questionable access to prescription drugs, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Jonathan Blum, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Louis Saccoccio, National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association, Arlington, Virginia.

AGRICULTURAL LABOR

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine America's agricultural labor crisis, focusing on enacting a practical solution, after receiving testimony from Gary W. Black, Georgia Department of Agriculture Commissioner, Atlanta; Tom Nassif, Western Growers, Salinas, California; Robert A. Smith, Farm Credit East, Cobleskill, New York; Ronald D. Knutson, Texas A&M University, College Station; Arturo S. Rodriguez, United Farm Workers of America, Keene, California; Connie Horner, Horner Farms, Inc., Homerville, Georgia; and Eric A. Ruark, Federation for American Immigration Reform, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephanie Dawn Thacker, of West Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Rockefeller and Manchin,